



Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS), located within the Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services, reflects Virginia's commitment to providing safe and productive learning environments for all students and staff in our schools today. The VCSCS is a resource and training center for information and research about national and statewide school safety efforts and initiatives. School Safety, Campus Safety, Gang Prevention, and other public safety efforts are key priorities for VCSCS. Staff and resources are available to educate and assist localities around Virginia in these areas, among others.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

VCSCS is proud to host a variety of conferences, forums, and trainings. The following events are listed on our website, along with additional information and registration instructions.

SAVE THE DATES: August 13 and 20 for the "2014 Back to School Safety and Security Workshops". The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Virginia State Police, and other Federal, State and Local partners will offer one day workshops to raise awareness of current safety related issues facing Virginia schools. This training will be offered to K-12 administrators, higher education officials, school security officers, school resource officers, campus security officers, and other interested law enforcement. The agenda will include an overview of bomb threats, critical incident response and active shooter response, mental health issues and aberrant behavior, a panel discussion of Run, Hide, Fight and A.L.I.C.E., among other topics.

"Partnering to Protect: Law Enforcement and Security Services Protecting our Communities", October 1-3, in Virginia Beach. The 49th Annual State Crime Clinic Training Seminar, a DCJS partnership with the Virginia State Crime Clinic, spotlights the necessity of cohesion and partnerships between law enforcement and private security services. Featuring topics such as cigarette trafficking, heroin and prescription drug awareness, social media investigations, verbal de-escalation techniques, among others, this training will strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and private security to ensure a safer Commonwealth.

To view these trainings and to see more, visit www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingEvents.

RESOURCES

Results from the 2013 School Safety Survey are now available. The annual safety survey studies conditions in school divisions throughout Commonwealth on topics such as crisis management plans, use of threat assessments, school climate and safety-related programs, bullying and cyberbullying, and school security practices.

VCSCS publishes resources for our colleagues in the School and Campus fields, which can be found at:

www.dcjs.virginia.gov/common/links.cfm?code=17&program=VCSS.

OUR FUTURE

The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety provides training, resources, and technical assistance for law enforcement officers and school safety practitioners throughout Virginia.



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INFORMATION

VCSCS staff is ready to assist with questions or to provide additional information. Please feel free to send your requests by email or phone.

DONNA MICHAELIS is the manager for the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS) and the Public Safety Training Section of the Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services within DCJS. Ms. Michaelis is responsible for conferences and trainings provided on safety-related issues for law enforcement officers and school and campus administrators. She also oversees mandates directed to the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. Donna has been with VCSCS since its inception in 2000.

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SHELLIE MACKENZIE assists with projects related to Pre K-12 School and Campus Safety. She coordinates school administrator and law enforcement-related trainings, conferences, and programs, including anti-bullying, crisis and emergency planning, and threat assessment. Ms. MacKenzie is the contact at VCSCS for questions about the School Resource Officer and School Security Officer Basic Training, the School and Campus Safety Training Forum, School Safety Audits, and Crisis Management Plan certification. Shellie has been with VCSCS for two years following a 15-year career with Hanover County Public Schools.

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KATHI LEE identifies and coordinates the delivery of DCJS sponsored trainings targeted to law enforcement officers on topics such as Autism, Alzheimer's, legal issues, suicide intervention, leadership, and fraud prevention for senior citizens. Ms. Lee works with curricula developers to finalize training materials. She is the staff liaison to the Law Enforcement Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Services Board. Kathi can assist with questions related to general public safety trainings.

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MARC DAWKINS specializes in Campus Safety and law enforcement related trainings, conferences, and programs, including threat assessment, the Clery Act, Title IX, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and the Certified Crime Prevention Campus program. Mr.

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ALBERT STOKES is responsible for training on gang reduction, prevention, intervention, awareness and community engagement. This includes traditional youth and adult street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, homegrown violent extremists, and sovereign citizens. Mr. Stokes can provide information on issues related to human trafficking and illegal cigarette trafficking—areas in which gangs have recently become more involved. He also has experience in police/community partnerships and grant writing. Albert comes to VCSCS from the City of Richmond Police Department.

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JESSICA SMITH provides information related to Campus and School Security Officers, including certification, recertification, trainings, and/or regulations. Ms. Smith can assist with questions regarding the School Safety Audit, the Climate Survey, Crisis Management Plan certification, Safety Audit Survey, or the annual checklist. In addition, Ms. Smith manages social media for VCSCS and can assist partner agencies in that area. Jessica has been with the Center for nearly two years, having previously worked at the Virginia Office of the Attorney General.

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KRISTINA FAWCETT provides administrative support for trainings and conferences conducted by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and the Public Safety Training team. She coordinates the registration, communication, and materials for trainings and conferences. Kristina is the newest addition to VCSCS after previously working for the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals.

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